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Filed: January 20, 2000 Examiner: Alicia Chevalier

For: Durable, Open-Faced Retroreflective Prismatic Construction

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**AMENDMENT A**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 2327  
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 29, 2002 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Amendment A for filing in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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